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Honorable Oren Harris
Chairman, Committee on Interstate
and Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives
1334 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your requests for the views of the Bureau of the Budget on H.R. 7309, a bill "To amend sections 303 and 310 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to provide that the Federal Communications Commission may, if it finds that the public interest, convenience, or necessity may be served, issue authorizations, but not licenses, for alien amateur radio operators to operate their amateur radio stations in the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provided there is in effect a bilateral agreement between the United States and the alien's government for such operation by United States amateurs on a reciprocal basis."

H.R. 7309 is similar to S. 920 and would amend section 303 (which is concerned with operators) and section 310 (which is concerned with station licenses) of the Communications Act of 1934 to permit the Federal Communications Commission to authorize alien amateur radio operators to operate their amateur radio stations in the United States, its possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, provided there is in effect a bilateral agreement between the United States and the alien's government for such operation by United States citizens on a reciprocal basis.

The Federal Communications Commission has forwarded to you, as a part of its report, a copy of its letter dated September 30, 1963, to Senator John O. Pastore concerning S. 920, which, when introduced in the Senate by Senator Goldwater, was identical to H.R. 7309. That letter was coordinated with and concurred in by the Departments of Defense, Justice, and State, and the Central Intelligence Agency, as indicated.

Subject to your consideration of the comments and amendments (which have been incorporated in S. 920 as passed by the Senate) contained in the Federal Communications Commission's letter to Senator Pastore, the Bureau of the Budget would have no objection to enactment of H.R. 7309.

Sincerely yours,

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Legislative Reference